

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: GARY SOHNGEN et al.

TITLE: INTRAMEDULLARY NAIL

FOR LONG BONE

FRACTURES

SERIAL NO.: 10/624,463) PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R.

§1.136(a)

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EXAMINER: A. Reimers

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that the shortened statutory period which was set for responding to the Office Action dated January 25, 2005, be extended for one month until March 25, 2005. Submitted herewith pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a), (1) is the fee of \$60 as required. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0836.

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